

June 28, 2007

Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Room: 8 B201  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Docket Number#05-337*

Dear Chairman Martin:

I understand that the FCC is considering placing a cap on the USF for wireless carriers. Before this matter comes to a vote, I have a personal story I would like to share with you.

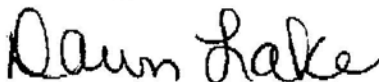
About two years ago, my 12-year-old son, Stirling, was exploring the area around our home in Greensboro, Florida with his 13-year-old cousin, Alex. They had gone picking blueberries, and were thinking about going fishing, when they came to a stand of trees they wanted to explore. As Alex stepped into the bushes around the trees, he disturbed a large eastern diamondback rattlesnake, which bit him twice on the leg.

I have since been told that these snakes have the most dangerous venom in the United States. As Alex's body went numb and he began to slur his words, my son Stirling used his cousin's Alltel phone to call 911. They were able to get back to the house, where an ambulance met them. Alex was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where it took a record 160 vials of antivenin to stop the poison. My nephew's life was saved.

I thank God for my son's quick actions that day, but I also recognize that without Alltel wireless service, the help Alex needed may not have arrived in time. My own Verizon phone worked only fitfully in the remote area where we live. I have since switched to Alltel, knowing now that reliable wireless service is a necessary safety measure, not just a convenience.

I hope you recognize as well as I do how lucky our family was that day. With the help of funds from the USF, Alltel and other carriers provide service that can mean the difference between life and death. I fear that a cap on those funds could put other families in rural parts of the country at risk. Please don't force them to rely *only* on luck.

Sincerely,



Dawn Lake

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
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